

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23365

This bill includes an appropriation to the Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$500,000 from moneys collected from responsible party payments for DEQ to oversee the environmental cleanups of the Triumph Mine and for moneys received to enhance monitoring activities.

DEQ is in the process of overseeing the remedial activities at the Triumph Mine site near Hailey. Contracts for one well for injecting concrete into the tunnel and for two monitoring wells have been completed and an additional plug in the tunnel is scheduled. It is expected that more remedial work and ongoing monitoring will need to be done at this site. The source of funding is from moneys received from the ASARCO bankruptcy. Also, in May of 2014, DEQ entered into a \$140,000 agreement with Idaho Power Company, to contract with the United States Geological Survey to conduct research and monitoring of mercury levels in the Hells Canyon Complex. Furthermore, new agreements have been added for the investigation and oversight of cleanups regarding selenium contamination in southeast Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2015 Original Appropriation	358.00	15,636,200	11,321,500	39,349,200	66,306,900
1. Environmental Cleanup	0.00	0	500,000	0	500,000
FY 2015 Total Appropriation	358.00	15,636,200	11,821,500	39,349,200	66,806,900
Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp	0.00	0	500,000	0	500,000
% Chg from FY 2015 Orig Approp.	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	0.8%

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